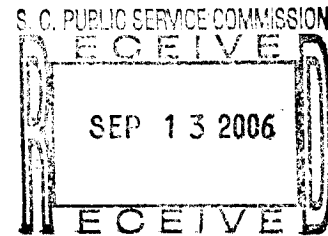


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September 12, 2006

The Honorable Charles L.A. Terreni  
Chief Clerk  
**South Carolina Public Service Commission**  
Post Office Drawer 11649  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE: Application of Acceris Management and Acquisition LLC and First Communications LLC for (i) Authority for First Communications, LLC to Provide Resold Interexchange Telecommunications Services throughout the State of South Carolina and (ii) Approval of the Transfer of Assets, including Customers, of Acceris Management and Acquisition LLC to First Communications, LLC  
**Docket No. 2006-234-C, Our File No. 1202-11380**

Dear Mr. Terreni :

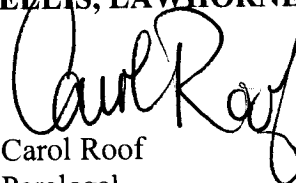
Enclosed for filing are two Affidavits of Publication for the Notice of Filing in the above-referenced proceeding.

 Please acknowledge your receipt of this document by file-stamping the copy of this letter enclosed, and returning via the United States Postal Service in the envelope provided.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

**ELLIS, LAWHORNE & SIMS, P.A.**

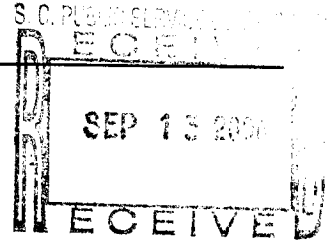
  
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Paralegal

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cc: Ms. Mary Cegelski  
Katherine E. Barker Marshall, Esquire  
enclosures (originals)

# The Greenville News

## AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION



I, Susan F. Mullinax, being the legal advertising agent for *The Greenville News*, do hereby testify that the attached legal advertisement was published on 140 lines in *The Greenville News* on 8-17-11 2006.

*Susan F. Mullinax*

Susan F. Mullinax  
Legal Advertising Representative

*Jeanne M. Gullic*

Jeanne M. Gullic  
Notary Public for State of South Carolina  
My Commission Expires April 4, 2013

PUBLIC SERVICE  
COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKETING DEPARTMENT  
**NOTICE OF FILING  
AND HEARING**  
DOCKET NO. 2006-234-C  
Acceris Management and Ac-  
quisition LLC ("Acceris") and  
First Communications, LLC  
("First Communications") have  
submitted an application with the  
South Carolina Public Service  
Commission ("Commission") for  
approval of a proposed interex-  
change agreement between the  
two companies. The Commission  
will hold a public hearing on the  
application on Monday, October 30, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. in the  
Commission's Law Library, at  
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite  
200, Columbia, South Carolina 29201.  
Any person who wishes to testify  
and present evidence at the  
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Public Service Commission  
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Post Office Drawer 1149  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211  
AUG-14-06

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**DOCKET NO. 2006-234-C**

Acceris Management  
("Acceris") and First  
Communications, LLC  
("First Communications")  
(together, "Applicants")  
have filed an Application  
with the Public Service  
Commission of South  
Carolina ("Commission"),  
pursuant to S.C. Code  
Ann. §58-9-310, request-  
ing that the Commission  
approve the transfer of  
assets, including busi-  
ness customers, from  
Acceris to First Commu-  
nications. First Commu-  
nications additionally  
requests that the Com-  
mission grant it a Certifi-  
cate of Public Conveni-  
ence and Necessity to  
provide resold interex-  
change telecommunications  
services throughout  
the State of South Caroli-  
na, pursuant to S.C.  
Code Ann. § 58-9-280  
and Section 28 S.C.  
Code Ann. Regs. 103-  
600, et. seq. First Com-  
munications seeks  
authority to provide a full  
array of resold interLATA  
and intraLATA interex-  
change telecommunications  
services to busi-  
ness and residential cus-  
tomers in the State of  
South Carolina. Specifi-  
cally, First Communi-  
cations seeks authority to  
provide basic "1+" long  
distance services, other-  
wise known as Message  
Telecommunications Ser-  
vice ("MTS"), travel card  
services, and toll-free  
services. First Communi-  
cations also requests  
that the Commission regu-  
late its business type  
long distance services in  
accordance with the prin-  
ciples and procedures  
established for modified  
alternative regulation by  
Order Nos. 95-1734 and  
96-55 in Docket No. 95-  
661-C, and as modified  
by Order No. 2001-997 in  
Docket No. 2000-407-C.  
A copy of the application  
is on file in the offices of  
the Commission, 101  
Executive Center Drive,  
Columbia, South Caroli-  
na 29210, the Commis-  
sion's website at  
www.psc.sc.gov, and is  
available from John J.  
Pringle, Esquire, Ellis,  
Lawhorne & Sims, PA,  
P.O. Box 2285, Colum-  
bia, South Carolina  
29202.  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE  
a hearing on the above  
matter has been sched-  
uled to begin at 10:00  
a.m. on Monday, October  
30, 2006 before Hearing  
Examiner David Butler,  
Esquire in the Commis-  
sion's Law Library at 101  
Executive Center Drive,  
Saluda Building, Colum-  
bia, South Carolina  
29210.

**THE STATE-RECORD CO., INC.**  
Columbia, South Carolina  
publisher of  
**The State**

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AUG 23 2006  
Ellis, Lawhorne  
& Sims, PA

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF RICHLAND**

Personally appeared before me, Peggy Lawrence, Advertising Sales Support  
Manager of THE STATE, and makes oath that the advertisement,

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Acquisition

was inserted in THE STATE, a daily newspaper of general circulation published in  
the City of Columbia, State and County aforesaid, in the issues of

August 17, 2006

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Peggy Lawrence

Subscribed and sworn to before me

on this day August 21, 2006

Evelyn F. Harrison

Notary Public

My commission expires  
March 10, 2013

"Errors- the liability of the publisher on account of errors in  
or omissions from any advertisement will in no way exceed  
the amount of the charge for the space occupied by the item in  
error, and then only for the first incorrect insertion."

Any person who wishes  
to participate in this mat-  
ter, as a party of record  
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Commission's Rules of  
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Office of Regulatory Staff  
at Post Office Box 11263,  
Columbia, South Caroli-  
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